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GEMS OF THOUGHT.

Those who plot the destruction of others ften fall themselves.

If you wish to remove avarice you must emove its mother—luxury.

Whatever you dislike in another person take care to correct in yourself.

The one prudence in life is concentration; the one evil is dissipation.

The lie of an action is greater than the e of a word.—Marion Crawford.

The ill consequences of one imprudent step will be found in many an after step.

Hearts are very much alike, and all need tots of patience to keep them good and happy

We measure not our cause by our suc-ss, but our success by our cause.—

I would give nothing for that man's religion whose very dog and cat are not the better for it.

As a day well spent procures a happy sleep, so a life well employed procures a happy death.

If men will have no care for the future they will soon have sorrow for the past.—

Astatic Aphorism.

Life is a quarry, out of which (says on the ware to mold and chisel and omplete a character.

Any one anywhere who cultivates a obby at the expense of other people's omfort is making a failure of life.

A man who can control his tongue wil have no trouble in bending almost any thing to his will.— Milwaukee Journal.

Of all the dark traits that disfigure the human race that of wishing to belittle or degrade the character of another is the lowest.

Never say anything wrong of any one if you are not quite sure about it; and, if you are, ask yourself, "Why do I say it?"

—Lavater.

The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions—countless infinitesimals of pleasurable thought and genial feeling.

—Coleridge.

Very sweet are the uses of adversity, the harvests of peace and progress, the fostering sunshine of health and happiness and length of days in the land.

People talk of liberty as if it meant the liberty of doing what a man likes. The only liberty that a man worthy the name of a man ought to ask for is to have all restrictions, inward and outward, removed, to prevent his doing what he ought. I call that man free who is master of his lower appetites—who is able to rule himself.—F. W. Robertson.

Good character largely depends upon the constant repetition of good actions until they become habitual; and whatever innocent means are necessary to secure this should be used. The best should have the preference if they can be made effective; but it is useless to press unavailable motives to which there is no response in the heart of the one to be influenced.

[Written for the Golden Gate.]

Was it a Dream?

Not long ago, after retiring for the night, I lay on my pillow for some time wi being able to drop off to sleep. After some time, however, a drowsiness or semi-conscious state seemed to steal over my senses when that which I am about to re senses when that which I am about to re-late seemed to transpire and left an im-pression (a very beautiful one), that I still think of with a feeling of pleasure. My husband seemed to say to me, "Let us go to San Francisco and call upon Mrs.

S——," naming a lady very prominent in spiritual circles in that city; and I sup-pose we must have carried out his wish, for pose we must have carried out his wish, for the next I remember we were with the lady in her bome having a sociable chat. I thought we had only gone for a friendly call, not having anything connected with the subject of Spiritualism in view, when Mrs. S—, suddenly turning to me, said, "I have a message for you to give your husband," (it occurred to me at the tume that as my husband was seated beside me it seemed rather a queer proceeding that she did not give the message direct to him; however, I think the significance of this has come to me since, that I was the medium through which they could communicate with him,) so I answered the lady, "Well, what is the message?" She was seated near a table, and immediately took a slip of paper and wrote a few lines and handed it to me, and I distinctly saw and read these words: "George, life is very beautiful here; death does not and all, it is only the beginning, a casting off the material form, the entering upon a new condition." It continued on in this strain for five or six lines. I remember that while I read I hoped I might be able to think of all the words that were written when I should awake, but am sorry that I can recall no more of it to mind. At the finishing some letters were signed. I spoke out and said I do not know who these initials stand for, when immediately I heard a voice reply, "I am Nelson, tell him; he will understand." Upon this I awoke. Well, I thought about this dream all the next day but did not mention it to the family as they are skeptical upon such subjects. I thought they might only laugh at me, but in the evening when my husband was seated at the dinner table I could not seem to get it out of my mind, so related to him my experience. I gave the message which he seemed to be paying little attention to a first, but when years gao James Nelson, who was a personal and warm friend of his, lay dying, and he was with him. In the course of conversation in regard to a future life, Nelson said, "Well, George, I suppose this is the end of us."

My hu

friend), replied, "Oh, no, Nelson, I think not."

Upon my relating my dream he said this conversation and the whole scene came up before him as vividly as though it happened but yesterday; it seemed an answer in direct reference to that event. I then asked these questions, which shows I was entirely unacquainted with the facts here narrated, "Did Mr. Nelson call you George?" The answer was, "Always."

"Did such a conversation take place?"
"It did." "Was Nelson skeptical?"
"Unusually so; he believed in nothing."
"Was Nelson dying at the time?" "He was."

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Now, I wish to add here that I was aware of the fact that my husband was acquainted with a gentleman of that name. I knew him by sight. (This was before our marriage.) Of the other details I was entirely ignorant. I believe, however, that if I had never heard the name it would have come to me just the same; it came so forcibly. I had not been talking Spiritualism, or thinking of it in any way for some time, but rather trying to avoid it, being somewhat out of health and quite nervous.

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I have had the impression several times that this friend has tried upon several occasions to reach my husband, but has never before been able to do so. The lady I thought we made the call upon who

gave me the slip with the message is a writer, but I never heard that she claimed to be a medium. Fraternally yours,
A SEARCHER FOR TRUTH.

Written for the Golden Gat

Planetary Iufluence upon Mediumship.

The power of the stars to govern material conditions of life is not yet fully understood, and the power of stars to govern mediumship and spiritual conditions is much less understood. Uunderstanding that "Planetary Influence" is but the vis-ible effect of some inner and more occult law, and the planets themselves but letters of that law whereby to convey some knowledge of the great unknown, we do not wait at the entrance, the physical conditions, but reach forward to the spiritual conditions beyond, and there find that planetary laws are as binding on the spiritual condi-

laws are as binding on the spiritual comitions of man as they are upon the physical.
Also, with words of the "Astrological
Guide" dowe find that "all things occurring within the sphere of the earth are governed by planetary law; and spirits coming
in earth conditions must manifest in accordance with that law."

When these things are more generally
understood, it will be seen why the return
of spirits brings good or evil; why the manifestations are spiritual or earthy in character; why the teachings may be of higher
or lower character, and why mediumship
may spiritualize or degrade the medium,
according as the planetary influences are
good or evil. Experience has taught that,
when certain aspects are ruling the life of
a medium, spirits of the nature signified by
that aspect, are attracted to the medium
and are stronger than others in the mediumistic aura. For instance, a young lady, developing fine mediumship, was recently under the evil influence of Jupiter directed to
Uranus in her horoscope. Jupiter gives
trouble from religious persons or bodies,
and Uranus governs or represents the spiritual nature. Therefore, naturally, at time
the aspect operated she was besieged by a
spirit priest and other Catholic influences,
startling things taking place. Knowing of
this aspect, care was taken of the medium,
and as the aspect passed over the trouble
declined. The guides of the medium were
weaker in power at this time, and were
personated by the Catholic spirits; but with
the assistance of the friends who understood, the guides re-asserted their rights.
Therefore the need of knowledge on these
subjects especially, and Astrology is one
guide to the knowledge of the life beyond,
by showing the times when the "Golden
Gate" may be opened, and also the condition of those who may pass through.

As a person's horoscope may shew, such
is the quality of mediumship, know the nature
of the spirits the various periods of iffem an
attract and the seasons when they are most
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Gates." "VIRG SAN JOSE, CAL., Feb. 9th, 1890.

So far from duty and happiness being antagonistic, they are necessary each to each for their perfect development.

It is not by change of circumstances, but by fitting our spirits to the circumstances in which God has placed us, that we can be reconciled to life and duty.—

Robertson.

Marriage without love, is immoral. The woman who marries a man because he is rich, for a title, or for office, place or power, is not a virtuous woman, and the man who marries the woman for any such reason is not a virtuous man, but a contemptible wretch.—R. R. Ingersoll.

OUR QUESTION DEPARTMENT.

To "A SPIRITUALIST." - Perhaps our To "A SPIRITUALIST." — Pernaps our statements may not seem so "inconsistent" if you will take the trouble to call at Dr. Griffith's office, 13 Mason street, San Francisco, where you will find a book published by H. B. Blavatsky, name, "Key to Theosophy;" turn to page 30, and you will find these words: "But meanwhile we have no right nor desire to proselytise them (Spirit-ualists) to our views. The less so as in the case of purely psychic and spiritual man-ifestations we believe in the intercommun-ication of the spirit of the living man with that of disembodied personalities." In the footnote of the same page we find the fol-lowing: "We say that in such cases it is not the spirits of the dead who descend on earth, but the spirits of the living that asright nor desire to proselytise them (Spiritearth, but the spirits of the living that ascend to the pure spiritual soul." The body of the medium becoming paralyzed or "enof the medium becoming paralyzed or entranced" the spiritual ego is free from its trammels, and finds itself on the same plane with the disembodied spirits. Hence if there is any attraction between the two, they can communicate in dreams. The difference between a mediumistic and a non-sensitive nature is this: The liberated spirit of the medium has the opportunity and facility of influencing the passive organs of its entranced physical body to make them act, speak and write at its will. The ego can make it repeat echo-like and in the human language the thoughts and ideas of the disembodied entity as well as its own. But the non-receptive or non-sensitive organism cannot be so influenced. Hence although there is hardly a human being where ego does not hold free intercourse during the sleep of his body, with those whom it has loved and lost, yet on account of positiveness and non-receptivity of its physical envelope and brain, no recollections, or a very dim, dream-like remembrance, lingers in the memory of the person when awake."

I give this long quotation that those who cannot see the bookmay know the exact statement. As to the physical phenomena, there are thousands of Spiritualists, and the number is daily increasingly that hold exactly the same views as set forth in the "Key to Theosophy." The spiritual sphere is a subjective one, the consciousness which acts on this plane must also be subjective, still there would be the most intense activity and quick response to that which vibrates in harmony with it. To the person who is only alive to this external realm of consciousness this spiritual state would indeed be a dream, but to the spiritual perception it would be realistic in a much greater degree than the sense perception and physical limitations of this every day life.

The Question Department may be obtuse in the matter, but we have not gotten the idea in our research that Theosophy teaches that Devachan (Spiritual sphere) is a sort of hybernating place where those liberated from this material limitation

Theosophical movement have the good of humanity at heart. We know of a certainty that they have "no selfish ends to serve;" consequently, when you lose sight of the principles involved in the discussion and descend to personal abuse of the leaders, you harm no one but yourself. You simply close your mind to the truth, and your mental gaze to the light.

S. A. HARRIS.

Berkeley, Cal.

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Of the Same Mind.

OR OF GOLDEN GATE

Your editorial on "Theosophy," or Your editorial on "Theosophy," or "Theosophical Vagaries," in current issue of February 8th, reminds me of the story of the fellow who had resolved to make a prayer on going to bed every night, when after awhile it became monotonous; so he wrote out the prayer and pinned it to the bed-post and on going to

night, when after awhile it obecame monotonous; so he wrote out the prayer and pinned it to the bed-post and on going to bed would say, "Them are my sentiments, Lord, amen." I can truly say "them are my sentiments," I can truly say "them are my sentiments," and well expressed on Theosophy. With you, I have no objection to the word "Theosophy in its true and general meaning, and I am sure I am willing every one should believe and think as they see fit, or as they care. But from the conclusions, the teachings of Theosophists who come this way, I can say, with our Episcopal brethren, "Good Lord, deliver us." A goodly number of those who have given expression to their thoughts up this way, hold that but a small minority of the human race inherit eternal life, and only a few survive the the change called "death."

This idea is of ancient origin, and is in keeping with the orthodox ideas of eternal hell, or that a large majority of the human race are eternally damned. This is in strange contrast with the light that comes from the spirit side of life, and avariance with the teachings of the spiritual philosophy. From every spirit that I ever had communication with, from every message from the unseen world that I ever neceived, whether through the tiny rap, independent slate-writing, independent spirit voices, or any other spiritual communication, the announcement has always been "all are immortal," from the unborn infant to those who go in the full strength of years, "matron and maid" and the "sweet babe" and the hoary headed seer, all, all perceive the change called death, and have a conscious being in the spirit world. This is a "foundation principle" on which Spiritualism hopes to redeem the world, a grand truth that will survive the wreck of matter and the crush of worlds.

C. A. REED.

PORTLAND, OR, Feb. 12, 1890.

Letter from San Diego.

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Editor of Golden Gate:
You have not had an item from our
"city by the sea" for a long time, so I
will tell you all we have been doing since
Bro. Colville left us last August:
November and December Mrs. Seal occupied our rostrum very acceptably indeed. She has a fine band of spirits who
use her organism well, and teach the pure
spiritual philosophy.

During January and the present month
Moses Hull, from Chicago, has ministered
unto us, and won the heads and hearts of
all. He is a fine orator, logical, and
makes good bis arguments. He has drawn
good audiences, and is very much liked.
The Cause needs him, and I hope he will
get a good hearing wherever he goes. He
can not be beaten on Bible Spiritualism;
makes so much plain that bas been incomprehensible before.

Our society is growing, and we feel that
in the near future great prosperity comets
to our lovely city. Yours fraternally,
H. C. B.
February, 1890.

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The love of approbation is the foundation of vanity, and prompts the most insincere, thoughtless, and sometimes
cruelly selfish conduct. It should be
avoided as fatal to the finest spirit. It is
incompatible with independence, and
makes slaves and cowards of all who
succumb to its influence: Pride, on the
other hand, if it be not haughty, is one
of the best of human attributes. If a
man thoroughly respects himself, be sure
that others will respect him also.

Letter from Brooklyn.

Some two weeks since, at a social and business meeting of the Brooklyn Progressive Conference held a the home of Mr. La Fa Mel, our treasurer, we were informed that Margaret Fox Kane was un able to meet her expenses in the boarding house where she is now located, 152 Waver ly Place, New York. It was decided that we correspond with her, with the under standing that Mrs. Kane should be invited to attend our Conference in the near future. Mrs. Henry J. Newton re-plied to the card, asking for Mrs. Fox Kane's address. We shall be very glad to

near future. Mrs. Henry J. Newton replied to the card, asking for Mrs. Fox Kane's address. We shall be very glad to have the Brooklyn friends encourage her in her endeavors to right the wrong she has done, not only to the Cause of Spiritualism, but the greater wrong is to herself. She needs financial aid very much indeed.

I wrote at once to Mrs. Kane, and she replied immediately that she had an engagement to go out of town the following week, but would come the ensuing Saturday evening and would leave New York at 5 P. M., and would wait for me at the Brooklyn side of the Bridge. I was there to meet her at the appointed time. Mrs. Kane was standing like one in a maze, quite dazed. When I touched her she started in fright. "I am Mrs. Ruggles," I said. Her face lighted up with childish joy. She said, "I was frightened; I had forgotten your name. It thought it commenced with B.) I did not remember your number nor where I was to speak; I left your card at home."

I mention this meeting with her to show that she is hardly in a responsible mental condition, as many other things and conversation proved during tea, and afterward at the Conference. My own friends at home were very pronounced in their opposition to my bringing a traitor into our Conference who had brought disgrace, etc., to our Cause. I had in a measure, overcome this feeling, by very severe criticism, saying the Jesus whom I had learned to love from childhood (I could not get used to Appolonius as the great teacher and medium,) said, "I go to look after the one lost sheep and leave the ninety and nine;" that we must go and do likewise, "forgiving our brother seventy times seventy" and in as much as we do it unto the least of these little ones," etc.; and ended by telling them that they would crucify Jesus were he here now, and nail him to the cross." I found Mrs. Fox-Kane had been three weeks suffering from grippe, and needed treatment to make her comfortable during the evening, which she received; as after the first introduction to this midl, passive,

the oil of cinnamon; others were kind and entertaining.

Mrs. Kane was not advertised to be present at the Conference, but there was the usual large audience who were so well satisfied of the genuineness of the raps, that a contribution of six dollars was given for which she expressed great satisfaction.

Mrs. Kane said it was never intended she should speak from the platform, but she was glad to be among her own people and hoped she would never be led to deny her mediumship again; that she was a member of the "Knights Templars," and never would again yield to even take a glass of wine. Several made arrangemember of the "Knights Templars," and never would again yield to even take a glass of wine. Several made arrangements with Mrs. Kane to hold private parlor circles, which will give more satisfaction than in a large hall; although the raps were plainly heard to the farthest corner of the large room. Several gentlemen of the Conference related interviews they had with the Fox sisters in the early days when they first came to New York, proving their wonderful gifts and power to prophesy. Only one adverse criticism did I hear, as when telling a lady who is somewhat advanced in age (if not in wisdom and love,) Margaret Fox is here, she said," She ought to be rode on a rail and tred," etc. I turned to attract Mrs. Fox's attention so she would not hear the unkind remark; and if I thought this would attract her ear or eye when in print, I would refrain from relating it, although it is doubtful if she would grasp the censure intellectually. As it was, she went on her way hopeful and happy with her reception in Brooklyn.

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way hopeful and happy with her reception in Brooklyn.

We have organized an Independent Club, like the one in Boston which has been so successful for the past two years, and which Mr. Colville helped to inaugurate, and lectured for them the first five Sundays. Our Club will be two weeks old next Friday, Feb 7, which already numbers interty members. The Ladies' Aid in connection with this Club was brought into working order through the skillful management of Mrs. Susie Willis Fletcher, and was able for two weeks past to furnish supper to visitors and members. Our only creed is, "Speak no evil and bestow peace and good-will toward all mankind." With such sentiments we can but feel that the day of Jubilee has come, so the utmost harmony and good feeling pervades our society. The cause of Spiritualism was never more prosperous in our city than during this Witter. The Manage Conferharmony and good feeling pervades our worth all of that good which is in the second society. The cause of Spiritualism was never more prosperous in our city than during this Winter. The Woman's Conference, which holds its meeting Thursday evening, is educating the members to express themselves on all topics pertaining to Spiritualism by the genial bearing of its chairwoman, Mrs. M'Cutchen. The Psychical Research Society meets Monday evenings in the spacious and elegant parlors of Mr. and Mrs. Hoslem, where they make all welcome by their cordial hospi-

tality. The Conservatory Hall Society is ministered to by Mrs. Nellie T. Brigham during February. She has many friends in this city and will have a large attend-ance. Fasternally, EMILY B. RUGGLES, 492 STATE ST., BROOKLYN, N. Y.

Reply to Vegetarian.

I am glad to see inquiry made on the subject of diet by a reader of GOLDEN GATE, for this means one very essential condition for the development of a good, pure phase of mediumship—as well as the pure phase of mediumship—as well best conditions for physical health.

I have long realized the detriment to de-velopment of a high standard of mediumship that too gross living is. But that is a matter that the masses need information and observation on, and it is easier to go on in acquired habits, than to seek data on the subject of diet—or to vary from cus-

on in acquired habits, than to seek data on the subject of diet—or to vary from custom by making experiments.

It is a distressing sight to see a person whom nature has made a good subject for the higher phases of mediumship, and who retards his (or her) sacred gitts by the use of coffee, tea, pork, immoderate use of excessively rich cakes and sweetmeats, and even tobacco and intoxicating liquors.

A person naturally sensitive to spirit control, and who lives very gross, is very liable to be obsessed by undeveloped spirits, who use their media to gratify their earthly appetite for liquor, tobacco, etc. By being determined to have good control or none, and then abstemious physical habits, one can attract spirits who can and will elevate one's spiritual nature, and thus aid and elevate us in this life and the life to come.

"Tokology" is the name of a book published at 199 Lasalle street, Chicago, Ill., by Dr. Stockbam, price \$2. I think it the best. There are other cook books by D. Holbrook, Mrs. Mattie M. Jones and Dr. Dodds, to be had at No. 15 Laight street, New York.

P. S.—Address, Sanitary Publishing Co., 199 Lasalle St., Chicago, Ill., for "Tokology."

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What is he Worth?

It is always interesting to learn the differ-ence between the estimates of a man's worth as determined by himself and as determined by others. The Roman matron who pointed to her children as her posses-The Roman matron sion of precious jewels, and the modern lady of fashion who measures her stock of earthly wealth by the well-established rule of the money-changing market, are two sufof the money-changing inatter, are two sufficiently distinct types to afford a comparison. We say of a man he is worth so many dollars and so much property. In many instances, it would be surprising to observe by what standard this same man reckons his own weekly

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Now and then the enterprising newspaper iprints a list of the wealthy men of the town. It he list is headed by the man who is "worth" the most. How often does it correct our that this person is worth least? How often does it capear that neither to himself nor to others is he worth anything? The life in which the most tragedy may be found is not the life into which the advantages of silver and gold enter not, but the life whose ideal attanment is the accumulation solely of that which is of the earth, earthy, to the exclusion of all noble purpose and ambition. "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

The attempt of our slave-trading forefathers to measure in money the worth of a human being was based on an essentially erroneous principle; but in practice it secured many times a better estimate of a human being was based on an essentially erroneous principle; but in practice it secured many times a better estimate of a man's worth than is afforded by more modern judgment. "A likely nigger" was a phrase that often represented the slave dealer's estimate of the mental capacity, the physical accomplishment, and not unfrequently the moral development of the

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the physical accomplishment, and not un-frequently the moral development of the slave. The spirit of this judgment was always and wrong, and its practical manifestation was productive of great evil; but the basis of one's opinion of any man should be the basis of the power, actual and potential, of the individual for noble work.

"When I was a beggarly be And lived in a cellar damp the poet sang,

"I had not a friend or a toy, But I had Aladdin's lamp:

And builded, with roofs of gold, My beautiful castles in Spain."

What was the apostle's fine boast? "Hav-ing nothing, I am owner of all things." The measure of a man's worth is the The measure of a man's worth is the measure of a man's soul. Whittier's soliloquy of the inner spirit with the man busied in every-day pursuits of money-getting gives utterance to this sentiment. I am worth all of that good which is in me. No numerical account of my earthly possessions can give any idea of my genuine worth; and the wise man is he who repudiates the estimate of "worth" which the broker places upon him, and recognizes the possibility of a worth that cannot be represented in figures. measure of a man's worth is the sure of a man's soul. Whittier's solil-

The Right Kind.

There seems to be a growing controvers among profound and able thinkers, as well as thinking investigators, of what are the highest spheres of Spiritualism. Some who claim to be advanced Spiritualism. Some who claim to be advanced Spiritualists object to calling, or being called by any other name. In your fine editorial of Feb. 8:h, ou say: "There is a kind of Theosophy hat no intelligent Spiritualist can seriously object to; it is the kind that recognizes the fundamental truths of Spiritualism, and at the same time seeks for advancement in

the same time seeks for advancement in the principles of goodness, and in the knowledge of those things that relate to the higher life of the soul, To this extent, all are, or ought to be, Theosophist."

Theosophy is as old as the world, and among all nations upon it. Theosophy, "God-Wisdom," Theosophist, those seeking truth wherever it may be found. Wherefore complain, O ye seekers after truth, even should it be sought and found under the name of Theosophy. Spiritualism (modern) is now about forty-two years old, say one generation of mankind, Is it possible any one of this day is so egotistical as to think they have and hold, or can obtain all the truth there is? Theosophists do not deny the power of the excanated spirit of man as an individual entity to communicate with mortals. It does inculcate all the divine goodness, all the principles that enthuse and emphasize the facts. Theosophy seeks and studies every plan of religious belief, every philosophy, and all science. Theosophists as a class do not recognize Madam Blavatsky as their God. "This age is become too advanced for a broad, liberal, fair-minded soul to be be imprisoned by any one mind." If one lives up to what Theosophy is and teaches, it certainly broadens their charity, and gives a clear conception of what life and duty is. It teaches purity in all things. Purity in all the walks of life. It has no gospel but goodness and lofty aims. The beautiful mantle of Spiritualism, since first she spread her ample folds, has gathered truths like stars to adorn its mighty breadths that will ever bridge the chasm betwixt this life and deternity.

We long for more knowledge of the life 'just over there;" and in our blindness we are sometimes lost in doubt, through what seems mystifying, unsatisfying yagaries of Spiritualism. Occult science opens the door for research. What is in a name? Be it ever so "jawbreaking." Re-embodiment, re-incarnation, etc., has been believed by sages long since gone from this earth, is believed mow by wise men and women of this age parent feels the change, grows less enraptured, and turns his eyes toward that unseen world to those awaiting him there, although in his soul is still the sweet memory of his far away home Bible, when sweet peace was a guest at his fire-side. Love will not, cannot die; yet changes will and must come, and we must grow up to the wisdom waiting for us; we cannot grasp all at once. Some are in advance of others; but all must, in the final ultimate, realize all the changes passed through to gain the heights of home and everlasting love. I am sorry that any one of our broad faith should feel called upon to ridicule another who has the freedom and courage to step forward and hold the banner of light aloft that others who are groping in the dark may see the way to step.

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With kind regards to all those wno may differ in opinions or investigations, and with the assurance of my co-operation with all those who have grasped the staff that helps them climb to the hilliops of mighty truths, I am Fraternally,

Rose L. Bushnell.

Acknowledgment.

I desire to acknowledge my thanks and gratitude through the columns of your excellent paper, to the good people of Sum merland, and kind friends in the vicinity

merland, and kind friends in the vicinity, for the manifestation of their kindness and sympathy for me by visiting me and administering to my comfort while afflicted with extreme pain.

May the Lord shower down his blessings upon them, giving them comfort, joy and happiness, and may they enjoy the comfort and blessings of this life without being afflicted with the severe pain they have so kindly alleviated in me. Spafford Smith.

Summerland, Cal., Feb. 11, 1890.

One hour to-day is worth two to-morrow

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Without these incarnated beings it would not be possible for the spirits to form batteries to protect those they love and guide. A great many of the spirits now incarnated on the planet are members of the sacred order of the Sun Angels in the highest spirit sphere of this and other planets.

now incarnated on the planet are members of the sacred order of the Sun Angels in the highest spirit sphere of this and soon realize the relationship that exists between themselves and the order in spiritland. These are comparatively few; but as years go on, many will find this to be a fact. This dawning light will find its home in many a heart, and in time to come, all those that are members in spiritland will be members of the order in earth land through incarnation.

Every form here in earth life, can be traced to its dual or soul mate in the spheres, or in earth life. Males and females are they all; and the great desire of the Sun Angels is to introduce each one to their soul mates in earth life, and unite them in the bonds of harmony, knowledge and love, by bringing them face to face through the aid of their loved Order of Light, and thus uniting the two words in the bonds of Love and Wisdom, and educating earth's children in the higher phases of spirit life, and constitute them interpreters and teachers of the higher laws of life, that they may bless mankind with light, love, wisdom and truth, and reveal the hidden mysteries of the uncounted ages of the past, and establish the fact of eternal matehood.

With these objects in view, they have established a counterpart of their Order in earth life as it is in the higher spheres. The Sun Angels' Order of Light was organized under the immediate supervision of Orienta guides, who, through experiences earthly and in spirit spheres, have become a law unto matter, and has for its objects, principles and subordinates, the following points given and approved by the guides.

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First.—This Order is to be the home or center of harmony, from which shall radiate the love labors of the spirit world, each member being a star, receiving light from the sun, meaning (to them,) their guardians or higher spirits, who have for their aim the blessing of mankind.

Second.—This Order shall be composed of members who work in unison, holding oneness of purpose to be the hightest link in the chain of harmony.

Third.—It shall be the first object of each member to overcome the known imperfections of their own natures, thereby making their souls receptive to the influences of spirits who will be delegated to the work of uprooting and upbuilding, also the unfolding of their medial powers.

Fourth.—The entire business of the Order shall be under the honest consideration of each member, as each is best judge of his or her own necessities, capacities and capabilities.

Fifth.—Each Order Circle shall be devoted to pleasant and profitable interchange of thoughts and experience, and whatever at such meetings may seem of most importance.

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Sixth.—Our Order Circle shall be held each month—at which there shall be put into the treasury from each member, between the present or otherwise, the sum of twenty-five cents; said money, also all donations of money or property of any description, to be at the disposal of the guides.

Serenth.—The officers of the Order shall consist of President, Corresponding Secretary, Vice-President and Treasurer, whose duties will be made manifest by the demands of the Order. It shall be the duty of each officer to bring before the members at each monthly meeting, all communications received from parties near or distant—who seek knowledge from the Order—that no member may be kept in the dark, thereby lessening the home interest of the Order.

Eighth.—The nomination of officers and all business pertaining to the inner working of the Order, is to be laid before the spirit guides for their consideration and approval. To each member there will be delegated interests best adapted to the unfoldment of their spiritual natures and highest medial powers and possibilities—who, in connection with the guardian angel or soul mate, will attend them and strive to unfold their higher natures, and

prepare each one to become a transmitter of light and truth from celestial spheres, to bless the children of earth.

The meetings of the Order of Light are held monthly, on the last of each month. One hour is devoted to interchange of thought and controls—or reading communications from members of the Order, after which there is a dark seance; and during this seance the guides magnetize pieces of flannel for the members of the Order to wear as magnets. Envelopes containing one of these magnets is sent by mail to each member monthly with incontaining one of these magnets is sent by mail to each member monthly with instructions. These magnets form centers of connection with the home center, over which the Angels of the Order come and go, ever bringing glad tidings of joy, and an accompanying assurance of their love and protecting power.

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Mrs. Anna Daniels of Mexico, N. Y., is the materializing medium of the Sun Angels Order Light. Through her influence the Celestial brides and bridegrooms are enabled to step from the unseen to the seen, or to clothe themselves with materiality, and in angel love greet their loved ones in the earth form, and walk hand in hand with their soul mattes, and demonstrate their love and affection for their loved ones who still dwell in the mist-covered valleys of their present incarnation. Saidie, the leader of the Oriental Band and the Sun Angel Order comes in full materialized form, dressed in fleecy robes of whiteness, and talks freely with the members, ordering them in all matters, giving encouraging words of advice to each member in a loving, motherly manner, that creates in each heart a responsive echo of a pure love. Spirits, both male and female, large and small, freely mingle with the members in joy and mirthfulness, and salute their loved ones and the members of the Order with unmistakable tokens of love and affection. Through the influence of the magnet the spirits delegated to attend each member may possess, and bring them into use to bless humanity, with Light, Love and Truth from Celestial Spheres. No one that is seeking light from the higher realms of spirit life, can wear the magnets of the Angel Order without receiving actual benefit spiritually and physically. But all that would be benefited spiritually or otherwise must strive to live lives of purity and goodness, and thus form an atmosphere surrounding them that the angel guides can live in.

The light scances are grand, at which those in attendance are blessed with the presence in materialized form of lovely, beautiful, wise and powerful spirits, dwelling the strip of the order and converse in a free and familiar manner. We are often visited by the soul mates, both male and female, who come to their own in full materialized form, and greet their own in earth life with their angel love. They come in all their beauty and loveliness, and greet their l

secretary, of Oswego, N. Y., Vice President, William Hasselbach, Sandusky, Ohio.
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Nobler is he, who readily and faithfully performs his allotted task, however irksome or uncongenial it may be, than the monarch upon his throne.

In order to attain giant proportions of moral and mental attainment, we must first learn to cultivate and preserve the simplic-ity of childhood.

Keep thy thoughts above the impure and ennervating atmosphere of unprogress-ive influences, that they may expand and grow in the ever intensifying sunlight of purer, happier altitudes.

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There is no law, nor opportunity, even in death, whereby we can escape the inveitable consequence of cause. Our earth deeds leave their indellible impress, to be faced just as vividly, and perhaps more so, upon our immortal awakening on the "thither side."

Let patience, hope and charity have their perfect work. Let their combined influences cement the bond of fraternity, that will unite humanity. Creating smiles, smoothing rough pathways, dispelling shadows, and preparing the spirit for its supernal enjoyments.

Chance hurls many obstacles in our up-ward path, but the constant, unrestricted use of our God-given Reason, coupled with a suitable application of will power, will in many instances remove them, and in a great measure, enable us to surmount the others. So, to a certain extent, we can resist what would otherwise seem Fate!

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The stronger and more furious the waves the greater the need of skilled, muscular and courageous oarsmen. The more difficult and numerous the objects that intervene between us and our coveted goal, the more decided and persevering should be our efforts. Every conquest over spiritual weakness, that we gain in this life, will only heighten the glory of our final prolonged, spiritual triumph!

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Let us carry sunshine with us! How much better that we wear cheerful countenances and bouyant spirits in our homes and elsewhere—dispensing light and cheer, than to cast an additional shadow upon hearts already bending to the weight of burdens. Our presence welcome! Our influence beneficial! Our ministration a blessing! The world is languishing for this, and our whole duty is yet unperformed, while we neglect it.

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The Cause of Spiritualism has no greater need to-day than that of some proper method of sepa rating the chaff from the wheat. That there are psychic influences at work through undevelop mediums-influences but little understood- that ental to the intelligent advance true Spirltualism, is beyond question.

It is this fact that retards many good people who are fully convinced of the fundamental truths of Spiritualism, from openly avowing their belief. They are not willing to subject themselves to the olium of being held responsible for believing what their judgment rebels against.

The simple and unvarnished truth of spirit existence and communion is not naturally repulsive Neither is it inconsistent with the to any one. teachings of Christianity. To one who believes in spirit existence without proof, why should the proof be in any sense abhorrent? Therefore, is is important that the world should know what Spiritualism is and what it is not-what medium ship is, and how it may be wisely developed.

To do this properly, and with a view to scientific value, schools of psychical research are necessary for establishing the laws and grades of mediumship, and for experimental work.

This is a part of the work we have in view in nection with the future of this journal-when it shall become as we hope to make it, through the liberality of its friends and the friends of the Cause generally.

To the accomplishment of this work we me naturally look to those of our belief who have an ce and to spare of this world's goods. And why should they not make ample provision for such a work? They of all others, know of how little use to their own spirits will be the unused wealth they leave behind them. They are familiar with the uniform plaint of regret coming from translated ones who failed to do what they could for the spread of the gospel of Spiritualism and the uplifting of humanity. Hence, may we not urge all such to aid in preparing the way for a better order of Spiritualism, either by bequest. or what would be better, if they would realize and enjoy the fruits of their liberality here, by rendering assistance now.

There are now numerous trusts, legally established, and fully organized and incorporated for entrusted the means of the liberally-inclined who do not care personally to engage in establishing Colleges for psychical research, or houses for the publication and spread of spiritual literature.

These are matters well worthy the considera of all Spiritualists, especially of those nearing the borderland, who have more property than they care to leave behind to their heirs.

WHEN women can wear stockings so woven with gold, and embroidered with diamonds and emeralds, as to cost five hundred dollars, as is reported of Mrs. Sharon, wife of the California millionaire, it is no wonder that the poor complain.—Signs of the Times.

Why should they complain at this? The more why should they complain at this? The more money Mrs. Sharon, or any other millionaire, spends, the better for those who live by the labor of their hands. It isn't what the rich spend, but what they don't spend, of which the poor have reason to complain. Liberal expenditure of matching the spends of the spend

LACK OF COMFORTS.

writers generally seem never to exhaust the sub-sect of the superior condition of our country's poor and toiling classes over those of othe ands. All that is said and written may be, and lands. All that is said and written may be, and doubtless is, true. But why take the state and possessions of other countries' laborers as something by which to gauge the social and domestic status of our own? Why not compare their lives and belongings with the better circumstanced at home and around them. Until this is done in all countries, the privations and hardships of the world's poor will never be appreciated, because they will not and can not be understood. When we would elevate one intellectually and morally, we do not choose examples and standards from his kind, but from ranks of life above him, that he may be stimulated to aspiration and noble and determined effort.

Society is cowardly and mean in its dealings with the poor; wealth and philanthropy miserly in its assistance. They dare not face the awful and squallid contrast between their homes and surroundings with the shanties and hovels of God's poor at their doors, but look abroad to find a still lower grade of want and misery.

Every town and city in the United States has its poor and wretched quarters, and one can not go outside his gate without meeting men, women and children, whose apparel and countenances bespeak their place of residence. We hold there should be no miserably poor in such a land as ours, at least. We believe if the money, time and labor, expended upon foreign beathens, were devoted by each country to its own, that every poor man, woman and child, could be so trained and instructed that wretched poverty would cease to be in one generation's time. The strife between labor and capital, however, will never bring it about. doubtless is, true. But why take the state and

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THE MEANS TO AN END.

In all its long ages of soul-saving, the Ch In all its long ages of soul-saving, the Church never had a greater conflict with worldlines that in this latter Nineteenth Century. Every year it is called upon to make concessions that would have rent any religious body asunder less than ecentury ago. One of its greatest humiliations has been the modern methods of raising funds for Church purposes, the "Church Fair" being the most deceptive and iniquitous device in its long list of ways and means suggested by "young and progressive Christians."

This has been the theme of many a sermon, and is still under its ban in most pulpits; and yet it flourishes, not only the fair but the lottery too.

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These aids to religious enterprises seem to have en practiced on a larger scale in Europe than in America, and are still holding their own. The in America, and are still holding their own. The German minister of the Interior has given permission to the Evangelical Mission Society for East Africa, to hold a lottery in Berlin for the purpose of raising funds to endow a Mission hospital in Zansibar! The prizes will include a large number of paintings by prominent German artists. Two hundred thousand tickets will be solf for twenty-five cents each. Ah, well, the means will soon be lost sight of when the end is attained, but the example is not a good one.

EDISON AGAIN.

Every week brings the account of new demonstrations of Edison's genius, which seems destined to revolutionize every industry and art of the world. The machine just completed that separates iron from ore, not only saves labor but all the mineral which the old methods did not. It is operated by a system of magnets placed so as to attract the iron from the tailings as they are

to attract the iron from the tailings as they are filtered through the hopper.

A more interesting, if not more useful invention is that upon which Mr. Edison is still engaged, the practicability of which is fully demon atrated. It is a device for taking photographs by wire. Its operation is similar to that of the telescope, only that instead of transmitting sound, it transmits light, which is the main secret of the marking dealers of the result high the talenthous desired to rival both the talenthous new thing, destined to rival both the telephone and phonograph. The idea of having your pho-tograph taken sitting in your own private room, suggests new features in the art; and certainly in the case of our dead, and the little ones, its con-venience, and trouble, and time-saving, can not be estimated. new thing, destined to rival both the telephone

Some very good impressions have already been obtained, and ere long it will be classed among the treasures of science given to this generation by its greatest genius, Edison.

—Mr. Colville has been misrepresented as op-posing Developing Circles. He does not, and never has opposed developing circles properly conducted and composed of honest truth seekers who assemble regularly with the sincere object of attaining truth. The only kind of developing cir-circle objected to by reasonable students of psy-chic facts, is the promiseuous and unspiritual type. Intelligent people who have had any ex-perience, know exactly where to draw the line.

-The coming anniversary celebration of e advent of Modern Spiritualism, to be held at Suamerland the last of March, promises to be a grand event. There will be no lack of accommodations for all that attend, and large numbers of Spiritualists from all portions of Southern California, and the state of the fornia will, no doubt, be present. Already several from San Francisco have indicated their in-tention to take the trip.

-Thomas Varney, a capitalist, of Oakland, passed on to the other life last week. He was a Spiritualist, had no children, and died possessed of an estate estimated at some \$800,000. He left nothing for the cause he claimed to love, or for humanity. He took none of his property with him.

-Christopher Latham Scholes a pioneer antiof their hands. It isn't what the rich spend, but what they don't spend, of which the poor have reason to complain. Liberal expenditure of wealth means comforts for the poor; hence, the more wealth people scatter their wealth the batter it is for the world.

of Milwaukee during Lincoln's administration he was one of the earliest writers on the subje of Spiritualism, some of his able and philosophic articles appearing in the early numbers of il Spiritual Tilegraph. An earnest Spiritualist ar worker for physical and mental freedom has go

EDITORIAL NOTES.

-Persons ordering two or more copies of Spiritual Fragments," can have them for \$1 per copy. Single copies, \$1.25.

Mrs. J. J. Whitney, was unable, from illness, to fill her engagement at Metropolitan Hall last Sunday evening. She hopes to occupy the plat-form to-morrow evening.

-J. B. Fayette, Corresponding Secretary of the Sun Angels' Order of Light, has an interesting paper on the object and aims of that Society in this issue of the GOLDEN GATE.

-Those who have followed "An Old Spiritu alist" in his interesting "Reminiscences" through the GOLDEN GATE, will find his article in this present issue unusually interesting.

—John William Fletcher will speak Sunday in March, May and June, in Brooklyn, N. Y. April, in Springfield, Mass. Address for next season, 142 W. Sixteenth street, New York City.

—Speaking of our new volume, Spiritual Fragments," The Better Way says: "Every "thinking mind can reap consolation and benefit "from them. They constitute a philosophy in "themselves."

-An Oakland lady, a highly unfolded soul, writes: "The sentiments contained in 'Spiritual
"'Fragments" are indeed gems of thought of
"untold worth, which all of us should wear upon
"our hearts. To read them is like culling flowers from some choice garden."

-Mrs. O. K. Smith, of Summerland, is ex-pected to return from Australia by the next steamer, which will arrive about the 15th of March. She writes: "I have succeeded in gaining several "good substantial Spiritualists as permanent resigood subsidents of Sur

"One of the three altars of the new cathedral now being built on Van Ness Avenue, in this city, is to cost \$25,000, and yet Jesus was born in a manger, and humanity everywhere is recking in poverty, ignorance and vice. What a burlesque is all such extravagant expenditure upon the religion of him who "had not where to lay his head."

—The Soul Communion will be held, as usual, at 12 o'clock, on the 27th inst., at the corner of Twenty-first and Diamond streets, at Alpha Hall, and at 2 o'clock, same place, a lecture will be de livered by a member of the inner circle of the Esoteric College, of Boston. All are cordially invited, and a full attendance is desired. Take Castro street cars to Twenty-first street.

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—We have received a neat little pamphlet of about forty pages, from J. J. Morse, Liverpool, England, entitled, "The Status of American Spiritualism, as seen during a four years' visit, with an Appendix, Hints to Inquirers into Spiritualism." Price, 5 cents. But few men have had better opportuuity to study American Spiritualism than Mr. Morse. He has lectured throughout the country, from the Alantic to the Pacific, and has been a liberal contributor to the spiritualistic press of both England and America.

-A good friend, somewhat inclined to materi alism, but none the less grand and true, to whom alism, but none the less grand and true, to whom we sent a copy of our "Fragments," responds as follows: "We received your beautiful book, "Spiritual Fragments," this morning. We need not tell you that we shall prize it for the author's sake as well as for the beautiful thoughts "contained therein. They are indeed spiritual "fragments, and, like your 'Sunday Talks," seem to lift us above this sordid world and "make us feel a desire for a higher and nobler "plane of life."

-The man who would take advantage of his —The man who would take advantage of his neighbor's necessities, to charge him an unreal or exorbitant price for the thing he must have, may satisfy his conscience with the special plea that his neighbor need not have accepted it if he had not 'so elected; but the conscience that could thus find justification for an unworthy act must be seared and calloused with avarice. Who is there, perishing with thirst, that would not give untold gold for a goblet of sparkling water? Would that justify anyone having the water to give in accepting the gold?

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—A lady subscriber, writing from Japlin, Mo., says: "Enclosed please find postal note \$2.50, "for another year's subscription to the GOLDEN. "GATE. My time expired in September last. I "am a poor woman, depending on my daily "labor for my daily bread, and sickness has made I habor for my daily bread, and sickness has me wonths unusually hard for me, so that I could not renew sooner. Many, many thanks to you that you did not stop my page when my time was out. Though poor, I feel that I can not do without spiritual food. I count the GOLDEN GATE as one of the necessi 'ties of life. I like the magnetism it brings."

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—A Colton, San Bernardino, correspondent, writing to renew his subscription to the GOLDEN GATE, and also to order a copy of Spritual Fragments," says: "I have at last "succeeded in scraping together enough money to subscribe for your GOLDEN GATE. How beautifully you bait your hook in giving it four a months, knowing full well that one of any heart of or soul could not well do without it after once getting it. The article, 'Secret of Happiness,' in the February 8th number, is worth a year's subscription, at least; and the Spiritual Fragments I got in my four months' reading of the 'GOLDEN GATE, is worth as much more. Do so yook know, that through your paper, and the 'Hittle I have been privileged to witness at San 'Bernardino, that I am completely gone over to "Spiritualism. It has done more to heal my "poor, crushed heart, than all else put together."

MR. COLVILLE'S WORK

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On Sunday last, February 16th, the attendance at College Hall, 106 McAllister street, both morning and evening, was very good. The morning and evening, was very good. The morning discourse was a continuation of that given a week previously, and was much enjoyed by all present. Respect was spoken of as not only akin to love but as an essential factor in love, for where respect is not, love can not be, but wherever true love is found, there appears also the deepest and truest respect.

Reverence for a beloved object is surely no uncommon experience. All that we truly prize we instinctively hold sacred, and while fear, in the common usage of the term, begets hatted rather than affection, students of etymology need not to be told that the old word fear originally conveyed a very different meaning from the now popular one: it signified respect amounting to reverence—sincere and respectful regard for a superior being.

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All faithful love clothes the object of its devocition, which manifold beauties and excellences, but it also does wastly more. Love is a lynx-eyed divinity and sees through all outward disguises to the essential reality beneath. Love for youth and external beauty, like love for wealth and position, may be sincere of its kind, but in the order of nature must be evanescent, because its objects are but fleeting. Thus, if a man or woman be not fickle, but at the same time attracted solely by outward charms and precarious possessions, when physical beauty fades and riches fly, what is there left for such sordid affection to cling to? Marriages based on externals are therefore failures in the great majority of instances owing to the operation of the inevitable.

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A second basis of attraction is purely intellectual, and though it would be too much to claim
for a purely intellectual union that it is all-satisfying, it is of necessity far more enduring than
one based on bodily charms or material belongings, for with advancing years the mind of the
thinker often grows more profound, and all history relates that many of the world's greatest
thinkers have lived to great age and done their
best work late in life.

To a woman passionately devoted to science,
literature or art, a distinguished statesman, author, poet or painter, would be an ideal husband;
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out it there is much truth in the oft repeated stories of very literary men living unhappily with their wives, it must be because such men are sometimes cold as to their affectional nature, while they may have married women who pine for affection and fail to comprehend great intel-lectual achievements.

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Spiritual affection towers majestically above all considerations of form, position, intellect and gold; tstands for oneness of purpose, oneness of soul, and may well be regarded as heaven shining out through earthly bars, flooding the world with scintillant beams of celestial light.

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soul, and may well be regarded as heaven shining out through earthly bars, flooding the world with scintillant beams of celestial light.

Mixed marriages are particularly objectionable in most cases, because they make a united homefilie impossible, and if there be one institution, above all others to which society must look for a lits progress and regeneration, that institution is neither church nor school but a model home.

A beautiful poetic improvisation followed the interesting and instructive lecture. In the evening "The Science of Correspondences" was dealt with in a very lucid manner. The lecturer spoke respectfully and appreciatively of Swedenborg, and pointed out how he, more than any other solitary author of modern days, had united the invisible with the visible universe, and pointed out the reason why the scriptures were venerated by the learned despite their many literal crudities. Correspondence is an exact term and is not synonymous with allegory, metaphor, or any other word of dubious meaning, and while it refers frequently in Swedenborg's writings to the inner sense of scripture, it stands in its fuller sense for the entire order of the universe.

At first sight there is a direct contradiction between the correspondential theory of Swedenborg and the metaphysical theory of Berkeley, still when these two apparently conflicting theories are carefully examined they will be found basically identical, for any reasonable theory of the universe must be fundamentally based on the fundamentally based on the

are carefully examined they will be found basically identical, for any reasonable theory of the universe must be fundamentally based on the reality of one only substance or Life.

Were we to use the terms Spiritualism and Materialism in their correct philosophic sense, we should soon see the absurdity of believing in the reality of more than one absolute substance in the universe, for to deny the evidence of our senses is certainly not required. On the contrary, the truly metaphysical thinker acknowledges what transcends but never denies what is within the limits of sense and perception. The lecture, which was a decidedly profound one, would have to be reported in full to give the reader a clear idea of its drift and scope.

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On Sunday next, February 23d, services commemorative of the life and work of George Washington, will be held at 10:45 A. M. W. J. Colville will emphasize the working of those qualities in times of peace which made illustrious generals in days of war.

At 7:30 P. M. the topic will be, "What can we Really Know of the Spiritual World?"

N. B.—All who are interested in the present agitation of thought concerning the rival claims of Spiritualism and Theosophy, should hear this lecture, as the speaker will specially endeavor to clear up several mysteries in connection with Devachan and other moot questions. All seats free. Collections for expenses; fine music.

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W. J. Colville's lessons in Spiritual Science, on Wednesday and Friday evenings, at 8 o'clock, are drawing together large and intelligent audiences. Admission, 10 cents. The work in Oakland and Alameda is also progressing finely. The lecture at Oakland Synagogue, February 23d, at 3 P. M., will be on "The Past and Future of the American Republic."

-A very interesting meeting was held at 93r Post street, on Monday evening, February 17th.

After a fine musical and literary program, a Mutual Improvement Club was organized to discuss the leading questions of the day. It will meet again next Monday, February 24th, at 8 P. M. All are invited to attend. The chair will be taken by Mr. Redstone. W. J. Colville's priva the same drawing room, Wednesday and Friday

Oakland

OF THE GOLDEN GATE

The meeting organized and commenced by Dr. J. R. and Mrs. Edith E. R. Nickless on Sunday evening, February 9th, at California Hall, Clay and Eleventh streets, was better attended than was expected, owing to the number of meetings in this city and the limited notice given of their inauguration. Despite the inclement weather on Sanday last, February 16th, an attentive and ap-

in this city and the limited notice given of their of inauguration. Despite the inclement weather on Sunday last, February 16th, an attentive and approprietable and the entranced lips of the speaker. The music was conducted by Miss Hall, who presided at the piano. Mrs. R. Cowell of East Oakland, offered, an invocation. Mrs. Nickless, under the controlling power, selected as a subject. 'Work," The need of true, honest workers for the Camewas regreater than now. At no time since the history of man, was there a greater work to be done than at the present time. The truth of a Spiritualism must and will be sustained. It is the demand of the age, and the supply is sure to follow. There are millions of souls on this side of life and millions more on the other side, who are striving to build up this great structure of truth. All the truths there are in the world to a day, or ever have been, you can find between the leaves of that grand volume called Spiritualism. You cannot find any truth in the universe but is not contained in the spiritual philosophy. My not adhere to it and follow its teachings, for these are the days that were predicted by the philosophers of old. Spiritualism has settled the problem of life; it has opened the door between the the two worlds, and demonstrated the immortality of the soul and the continuity of life. Live in the present, let the past go. The now is the time. This is your opportunity. Let the gifts you are endowed with be unfolded to their highest perfection. Let us one and all, attend to the present hour; let us feel that we have a work to do here and now. Stick to the truth as we receive and understand it, and give it to our fellow-men. We have a truth that will stand the investigation of science. The more searching the investigation, the greater brilliancy the gem of truth shines forth. My friends, work as your experience and now. Stick to the truth as we receive and understand it, and give it to our fellow-men. We have a truth that will stand the investigation of science. The more

Shattuck Hall.

EDITOR OF GOLDEN GATE:

The meeting, on Sunday last, in Shattuck Hall, Oakland, was addressed by Mr. Wheeler of Portland, in an able manner. This being the commencement of a series of meetings, the Pro-fessor and his wife, Mrs. Wheeler, gave very many words of encouragement. Mrs. Wheeler's tests were well received. Miss Alice Henshall tests were well received. Miss Alice Inchisali prepared charming masic under inspiration on the piano, and Miss McKenzie rendered solos and al-so led the singing by the audience. Mrs. Jennie spoke in trance to the effect that this meeting was instituted by the angel world and would suc-

spoke in trance to the effect that this meeting was instituted by the angel world and would succeed.

The evening meeting was opened by Miss Henshall's wonderful music. Walter Hyde said many good things, and also stated that Professor Evens the day before supposed that his spirit artist was giving him a lesson in polaring, and at four o'clock in the afternoon when he (Mr. Hyde) returned from down town, he was more than happily surprised to find the exact likeness of his father, who passed to spirit life twenty-five years ago. The Professor wondered that he must paint the eyes closed. This was, too, a wonderful test, as much as to say I was blind to spiritual truths; he having been an Old School Baptist, with the belief that two-thirds of the human family would be eternally miserable.

The audience sang the "Sweet By-and-Bye." Professor Ewens was called fer and gave only a few tests, feeling that his forces were reserved for producing spirit likenesses. Mrs. Gardner stated that she had already received two likenesses, pencil sketches that she prized very highly. Professor Evens was done would bring his easel and art materials next Sunday evening, not knowing what the result might be. Mrs. Potter made excellent remarks, seconding expressions that the Professor had made. Mrs. Gardner described spirits in the audience that were recognized.

The meetings will be resumed next Sunday afternoon and evening.

Metropolitan Temple.

The 2 P. M. meeting last Sunday was exceedingly interesting. Mrs. Sarah Stevens was the first speaker. Her remarks were well received. We remember Mrs. Stevens as one of the noble workers some years ago, and we hope she has returned here to stay, for there is need of work and interestical in the possible label. turned here to stay, for there is need of work and instruction in the particular iine of mediumship which she possesses. We hope to be favored with her presence often in the future. Mrs. Miller followed with remarks, and gave tests to very many in the audience. Mr. Hatch made some remarks. Judge Collins was able for the first time in many weeks to be present, although he has not recovered his usual health. It is hoped he may be able to preside next Sunday. The evening was devoted entirely to a lecture by Professor Dawbarn. Subject, "Thought Pictures." Mrs. J. J. Whitney being very sick, could not be present.

Secretary.

Spirit-Echo Meetings

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The Echo meetings at 1165 Mission street,
Sunday evening, were instructive and interesting.
Mrs. Miller, inspired by her guides, gave words
of wisdom, with tests, to most of those assembled. Mr. Will Hodge gave many tests, contributing his full share to the feast of spiritual
food, the hungry being fed bountifully thereby.
At the request of many, these meetings will be
continued every Sunday evening. VIDEX.

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In the windom of Love are many purposes for the securing of happiness to his creation, perhaps none contribute more pleasure than the generous and unselfish association of people seeking to promote the happiness of others. In this effort the progress of days brings together on Sunday morning, adults, youth and children, in the assembling of the Lyceum at 0.90 t-2 Market street. Last Sunday the unfavorable weather which opened the day detained some at home, but the hall was countrally filled, and those present enjoyed a words of wisdom, interspersed between other performances, which included, song by little Eva Adworth, "Battercups;" song, Isy Merrifield, et al. 1991, "Retained on the state of the state of

Fraternity Hall, Oakland.

The First Association of Progressive Spiritu-litate had their usual exercises at the above hall, as Sunday last, Dr. Macsorley presiding. The ditenson meeting was well attended. After inging, a poem was read by the President, "A Kapetallel Liej" also an invocation was given, the which, Prof. Dawbarn gave one of his most attereting lectures, the subject being "Science Modern Spiritualism." Many good points sere made, which were largely appreciated by he many present, after which a circle was formed and test given.

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Smilpht and a chereing sky brought many excursionists and friends to the G. A. R. Hall on Thirteenth street, near Broadway, Oakland, last Suday shermoon at 2 P. M., to listen to the celebrated mind-readers, Mr. Dyer.

Mrs. Dyer opened the meeting in her usual dignified manner with an address, after which Professor I. T. Jackson and Mr. Johnson sang under the professor I. T. Jackson and Mr. Johnson sang under L. T. Jackson and Mr. Johnson sang under the Jackson and Mr. Johnson and Jackson and

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Union Spiritual Society.

The Union Spiritualist, Society, last Sunday alterason, was highly favored. Dr. Capp, of Sasta Craz, gave a most interesting talk upon Spiritualism, and his reasons for becoming one. Mr. Tomton and Prof. Seymour also gave fine talks, explaining the importance of living rightly talks, explaining the importance of living rightly bere, and understanding the laws that govern our use of the control of the

St. George's Hall.

aroz or Golden Gare:
In St. George's Hall, 909 Market street, last unday, sparkled with interest from the common common to the close, Marshall Wheeler, from tordand, Oregon, with his broad, comprehensive

wife, with her gifts of healing and spiritual sight, would fill much larger halls than those usually

would fill much larger halls than those usuasy occupied by Spiritualists. Dr. Temple gave tests. Mrs. Hoge, of Wis-sonsin, is a fine speaker. Mr. Dean made appro-priate remarks. Mr. Heap, President of San Bernardino Spiritual Society, made a lengthy son of Col. Reed, of Portland, recited "The son of Col. Reed, of Portland, recited "The German Twins," He has a great future before him, bright bud of hope and promise. Mesdames Cook and Rutter rendered sweet music. Meet-ing next Sunday, at 11 o'clock, as usual,

The following Resolutions were passed by the First Spiritual Society of Portland, Oregon, at its last regular meeting held in January, 1890:

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Restavad, That the great object and aim of this Society is to advance the Cause of Spiritualism, Kestavad, That every effort be made in all our public meetings, to prove by argument and through reliable mediums the fact that we can communicate with those who have passed on to the higher life.

Restaved, That we do not allow speakers on our platform who, under the guise of free speech, seek to introduce their free love and other objectional doctrines.

Restavad, That we will not allow any person to address our public meetings, who seeks to antroduce the recommendation of the churches or cast surs upon the Bible of the Christians or any nation.

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practical side of those, who, as he states are inclined to every wind that blows, but it is "An ill wind that blows nobody any good," and who can tell? much good may come of it, and possibly more defin-

Dr. Dean Clarke's article "What is the Use of it?" has undoubtedly stirred up a "hornet's nest" in Theosophical and Christian Scientist circles; and the Doctor, we expect, will now find plenty to do in rebutting the different arguments pre-sented by the adherents of both theories. That the ideas he presents are practical, is beyond dispute; and therefore hit the

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A lady friend who is quite mediumistic, but not sufficiently so to give her confi-dence to go before the public as a devel-oped medium, received at her home as a

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prits were human beings in another, fresh from the plant, was placed between two slates held under the table, on another a rose, the only one on a bush in the garden, was transferred between the slates in the same way. That it was that identical rose, the only one on a bush that the same way.

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the hand, others by a gentle touch. The laws of attraction and repulsion are paramount in the spirit world. Spirits cannot approach every one alike; to get within our magnetic atmosphere they must come in close rapport with us. Like attracts like, is a universal law in this and all other worlds, and it is in strict accordance with the degree of affinity which exists between the spirit and the mortal, that the former can come into rapport with the latter.

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Not very long ago a particular friend who is strongly mediumistic, being both clairvoyant and clairaudient, paid me a visit one evening, during which he became under control. He said, "I see a man with a very rough exterior, but he seems honest and truthful. He is in a rather dazed condition, hardly knows where he is, and what he is here for." The medium said, "I feel cold, very cold. The spirit tells me that he was frozen to death with several others in Behring's sea, on the Jeannette, a two-masted schooner—steam vessel—Captain De Long, which was caught in the ice. I think he said two or three years ago, that his name is Edward Simpson, that he shipped on the vessel for the sole purpose of finding out if there was any truth in the theory of an open polar sea. He says he did not know how it happened, but he found himself free to travel where he pleased, and that the first thought he had was to go to the pole, and that he started but he did not know how, all he knew was, that he did not walk; He said he found the region between the ship and the pole a sea of solid ice, that the air was filled with particles of ice; but he said he did not mind the cold, that it did not affect him in the least, that he travelled on and on, went away over on the other side of the pole, that he found it shaped like the convex side of a bowl which extended all round for a great distance, that he satisfied himself fata there was no open sea, for he had been there and factor. This he repeated several times, and requested me to say that he, (Edward Simpson), says so, because he knows; emphasizing his words, and saying that it is useless to send ships to be locked up in the ice, and men to be frozen to death, to find out what does not exist."

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what does not exist."
In giving this information he used somewhat rough language, garnished largely with oaths. The substance, however, was as I have stated. He seemed intensely desirous that every one should know the truth of what he had stated, always repeating that he knew, because he was there. He said he returned to the ship because he did not know where else to go. After he was gone, the guides of the medium told me that they had brought him here so as to prove to him that he was in another state of existence, in order to break the chains that bound him to the ship, to set the spirit free and to start him on the road to progression, and that by communicating with a person in the form, he realized that he did not possess a physical body, and that he was no longer a denizen of earth and would not now return to the ship. He stated also, that he was immediately taken charge of by a spirit teacher who would assist him in throwing off the shackles which for so long a time had bound him to earthly conditions.

This is one, if not the principle occupation of intelligent progressive spirits, to teach those who are earth-bound and ignorant of their surroundings, a knowledge of their condition and of the spiritual laws which now govern them.

Having no means of ascertaining if the narrative given by the spirit as above, is founded on fact, I will leave it to those who may be sufficently interested in the matter, to investigate for themselves.

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THE more sensitive a man is as to what THE more sensitive a man is as to what is said of him, the nearer home it strikes. He whose character is established can not be affected by untruths. Good can not be smirched by evil, and that which is easily soiled must have dirt enough to readily attract its like, or very little purity to cover up the impure. It doesn't require much to rob a poor man of all he's got. So, it is with the individual who has not much moral worth to lose. You may hurl thunderbolts at the good man's character and never hurt him in the least. Those who are easily affected, therefore, acter and never burt him in the least. Those who are easily affected, therefore, by gossip, look within. Something is lacking to make them strong, and proof, against slander. Self-study is the acme of spiritual and moral culture.—Better Way.

WE can not expect a human being to WE can not expect a human being to be faultless. This means transition. Be satisfied when he has character enough to have an aim in life. When this is look there are reasons for being concerned; but do not seek faults that are difficult to find. All have some materiality to contend with, and the one who combats his own faults best, wins the race in the long run, and may yet have to pity the one who has been finding fault with him.—Better Way.

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I write this hoping it may be of use to your readers who are conversant with the facts of psychometry, and to others who have had but little experience with this phase of mental phenomena, and to also testify to the usefulness and correctness of Mr. Severance's delineations of character from a lock of hair, hand-writing, or a photograph of any one desiring informa-tion of themselves on business matters,

adaptation in marriage, etc.

Psychometry, or the power of measuring soul, or by means of which one soul measures another, is one of the most useful and beautiful phases of the Spiritual

mul and beautiful phases of the Spiritual philosophy. Some think the word psycognomy should be used instead of psychometry. I understand the word to have reference to that refined, enlarged and exalted condition of soul which is attained through suffering and trial in the various phases of life, and especially in coming in contact with our fellow mortals.

In the sphere of the sense of sight is a sense which sees that which the usual sight can not see, which is called clairvoy-ance, or clear seeing; in the sense of hearing is a sense which surpasses the ability of the common ear to hear, which is named clairaudience; also in the sense of feeling is one which transcends the ordinary feeling, called psychometry or psychognomy, if you choose.

I think there is also a sense of taste which surpasses the ordinary one and deals entirely with spiritual essences or qualities, and the same can be said of the sense of smell, which deals with spiritual aroma and which can detect at once by that sense alone the pure or impure atmosphere of persons. I wonder that in the light of so many facts of psychometry that psychometers or psychometrists are not as much in demand in every city and village as photographers. The latter only give you the outer lineaments of the form; the psychometer gives you a mental photograph such in the photograph that only delineates the expression of your face and the clothes you wear. As people become more refined and spiritual they will investigate and appreciate these mental photographs much better. Psychometry is of great use in reading the past, present and future of individuals. The character of a person can be traced back to the time of conception, and also that of their parents and grand parents.

This leads one to reflect and to better understand cause and effect, and that there is no just cause for praise or blame, as now so thoughtlessly dealt out to mortals. Every person must and does act true to their environments and heredity, and so deserve no more praise or blame, as now so thoughtles

than now and with an intelligent view to reformation, instead of revenge and punishment.

Twenty years have passed since I became greatly interested in, and commenced experimenting with psychometers in various parts of our country, and during that time I have received very instructive lessons from those who knew mothing of me or my family, except through the avenues of a lock of my hair or photograph. For a number of years it was a mystery to me by what subtle law those peculiar and very useful people could read my inmost thoughts, and tell so accurately my present and future movements. Their hidden powers and generous frankness fascinated me as much as the sublime pictures of prose and poetry of Hugo's "Les Miserables," Charlotte Bronte's "Jane Eyre," or Mrs. Browning's "Aurora Leigh."

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I have frequently sent him by mail, when a thousand miles away, a lock of hair, a single word of witing, or a photograph of some friend of whom he had never seen or heard, not knowing their rame even, and received most satisfactory and accurate information and testes regarding them.

Last Summer I received information of a friend, a woman of intellectual mind and

ing him to tell me of the writer. He clasped it tightly, not even glancing at it, and proceeded to describe her minute-

I wrote what he said and sent it to the mother. Since I came East last Autumn I have visited mother and daughter and they told me that their nearest and dearest friends could not have described the mother and their loving relations as correctly. The daughter keeps the delineation, which I wrote as the words fell so gently and easily from his lips, in a beautiful box of treasures, as a souvenir, and hopes sometime to see the person possessing such qualities of mind and susceptibilities.

think, from what I have said, that he is infallible.

He sometimes fails because conditions are not favorable, or other causes, perhaps best known to his guides, but it is a well attested fact that all who are calm and temperate in all things, mental and physical, and exercise their gifts with the main objects of benefitting the race, Mr. Severance does seldom fail in giving valuable advice and information. Over and over again have I watched these experiments, particularly with him, and I must say that psychometry comes nearer being the one great power that can reveal to this superstituously and religiously sick planet the "absolute good" than any other belonging to human nature, and it will yet be used as a great moral and mental power in the world.

Where Nickel Comes From.

In the Copper Cliff Mine, near Sud-bury, Canada, it is said more nickel is be-ing produced than the entire market of the world calls for at current prices. A little branch off the main line of the Canadian Dranto of the liman fine of the Castachar Pacific railway, four miles in length, leads out to the mine, which opens into the face of a crag of the brown, oxidized Laurentian rock, characteristic of this region. The miners are now at work at a depth of about 300 feet below the surface. As fast as the nickel and copper-bearing rock is hoisted out, it is broken up and piled upon long beds, or ricks, of pine wood, to be calcined or roasted, for the purpose of driving out the sulphur which it contains. The roasting process is of the nature of lime-kilning or charcoal-burning. Each great bed of ore requires from one to two months to roast. When roasted, the rock goes to the principal smelter, a powerful blast furnace "jacketed"—in mining phrase—with running water, to enable it to sustain the great heat required to reduce the crude, obdurate mineral to fluidity. Pacific railway, four miles in length, leads

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The dross of the molten mass is first allowed to flow off, and afterward the nearly pure nickel and copper, blended together in an alloy called the "mat," or matte, is drawn off at the base of the furnace into the barrow pots and wheeled away, still liquid and fiery bot, to cool in the yard of the smelter. The mat contains about 70 per cent of nickel, the remaining 30 per cent being mainly copper. When cold, the conical pot loaves of mat can easily be cracked in pieces by means of heavy hammers. The fragments are then packed in barrels and shipped to Swansea, in Wales, and to Germany, where the two constituent metals are esperanted and refined by secret processes, which are very jealously guarded by the manufacturers.

So jealously is the secret kept that no none in America has yet been able to learn the process, although one young metallurgist spent three years in Swansea as a common laborer in the factories in order toobtain it. At present there are produced daily at the Copper Cliff Mine about ninety, pot loaves of mat, each weighing near 450 pounds, an output which yields an aggregate of more than 4,000 tons of nickel a year.

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I have much more confidence in the charity which begins in the home and diverges into a large humanity, than in the world-wide philanthropy which begins at the outside of our horizon to converge into egotism.—Mrs. Jamson.

and accurate information and tests regarding them.

Last Summer I received information of a friend, a woman of intellectual mind and refined tastes, whom I had never met.

Mr. Severance was present at the time, but knew nothing of the contents of the letter nor of the person who wrote it. I folded and placed it in his hand, request-folders.—Simon Kerl.

ly, her situation, prominent traits, and a particularly the great love between her and an only daughter.

I wrote what he said and sent it to the different people; therefore, I would like to express myself in regard to an article, dated January 4th, called, "Danger of Ignorance." In the first place, there is no medium so well prepared but there is a chance for further development. We, as workers, can not be too careful of what we give to the public; and here let me say, the author who writes so plann con-cerning the laws of our religion, has over-looked one of the first laws, and that is evolution, when he writes of ancient spirits.

tiful box of treasures, as a souvenir, and hopes sometime to see the person possessing such qualities of mind and susceptibilities.

Three years ago I sent him a simple word written by a man six hundred miles from Milwaukee. He returned a very accurate delineation, and among other things said: "I see you very active in work for the next six months, and then comes a change and a wider sphere, and a little later comes a period of rest, and then you will have some persecution in some way, but you will rise above it al."

This has all come true, and particularly so regarding the persecution, though it was thought a very improbable thing by the man at the time.

I could give hundreds of instances of a similar nature that have come under my notice through him. Before closing I will say that neither Prof. Severance nor any one else know any thing of my writing it is article. I have no axes to grind, to use a political phase, only the advancement of the human race to a better knowledge of the law governing what is called good and evil, and I would have none think, from what I have said, that he is infallible.

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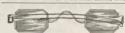
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In the dim remembered past
You stood with me at sundown,
And tighing said, "Farewall
Some day on earth we'll meet again,
But when I can not tell."

Around, above, on earth and sky,
There spread a silvery light;
Faint sound of bells came on the air,
Sweet flowers met our sight;
A breath of Cod our spirits calmed,
And though we then must part,
A sweetness stole, not bora of earth,
Into each saddened beart.

And thus again we reet In the cycle now at hand, Eyes gaze in eyes, heart pre As in that spirit land; And thus the threads of life In spirit we shall weave, Invisible to mortal eyes, Until this shore we leave.

Again we two will stand,
As in the stranded past,
Our earth work done, the last round climbed,
The "welcome home" at last;
And as one soul, bound to doe God,
We near the eternal throne,
Will gather in the tide of years
The harvests we have sown.

Press On.

Press on, true soul, with patient firm ender Tho' life's to thee a heavy load of care; Keeping thy heart in trust and hope forever God helpeth those who bravely do and be

What tho' there dawn for thee no glad to-morrow,
And life's made cold by harsh embittered scorn;
What tho' thou wear'st the robe of grief and sorrow
And on thy brow a crown of many thorns.

Press or, true soul! e'en tho' the seedatho On barren and unwatered ground was sor Think not in vain was all thy toil expended, Because no blessedness of fruit is shown.

there is no dred nor aspiration holy,
But meets its recompense in realms above
and loving ones descend to bless the lowly,
Who daily make their life a work of love.

Press on, true soull nor let thy footsteps falter,
Tho' storms and shadows often intervene;
EVEY win the prize whose purpose will not alter.
THEY reach the goal who brave each adverse:

All feet must pass the thorny road[of trial.

All hearts must suffer for the truth—the right;
And they who tread the way of self-denial,
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Press on true soul? no night but hath its morning,
And God's all-radiant love shall shine at last;
Tho' ebon clouds eclipse the golden dawning.
Faint not; the gloom of night will soon have pass

Therefore, press on through, weary scenes of sadness,
Through Summer's beat, and Winter's stormy strife;
Thou soon sta't reach the verral heights of gladness,
Where blooms the Summer of eternal life.
—Annie R. Strphens.

Deathless.

There lies in the capter of each man's heart
A longing and love for the good and pure,
And if but an atom or larger part,
I tell you this shall endure, endure,
After the body is gone to decay—
Yes, after the world has passed away.

The longer I live and the more I see,
Of the sruggle of souls towards heights above
The stronger this truth comes home to me,
That the universe rests on the shoulders of Lo
A Love so limitless, deep and broad,
That men have renamed it and called it God.

And nothing that ever was born or evolved, Nothing created by light or force, But deep in its system there lise dissolved A shining drop from the great Love Source-Ashining drop that shall live for sye, Tho's kingdoms may perish and stars may die.

—ELLA WERELER WILCOX, in "The Indepen

Two Women

I know two women; and one is chaste And cold as the snow on a Winter waste; Stainless ever, in set and thought (As a mas bore damb in speech ers not). But she has malice toward her kind—A cruel tengue and a jealoss mind. Void of pity and full of greed, She judges the world by her narrow creed. A herwer of quarrels, a breeder of hate, Yet she holds the key to "society's " gate.

The other woman, with a heart of flame,

Went mad for a love that marred her name,

And out of the grave of her murdered flath

She rose like a soul that has passed thro' deatl

Her aim is noble, her pity so broad

It cowers the world like the mercy of God.

A healer of discord, a soother of woes,

Peace follows her footsteps wherever a he goes,

The worther life of the two, no doubt;

And "society" locks her out.

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A Message.

She wasn't on the play-ground, she wasn't on the lawn,
The little one was missing and bed time coming on.
We hunted in the garden, we peeped about to see
If sleeping under rose-tree or lila she might be.
But nothing came in answer to all our naxious call
Until at length we hastened within the darkening hall.
And then upon the tillness there broke a silvery tone—
The darling mite was standing before the telephone,
And softly, as we listened, came stealing down the stains:
'Hilo, Centrall Give me Heaves; I want to say m
prayers.'
—STORY DAYR,

The Express.

Ont of the blackness a globe of fire;
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"The Lord let the house of a brute to the soul of a man, And the man said, "Am I your debtor?" And the Lord—"Not yet: but make it as clean as you can And then will I let you a better."

The friends we mourn as lost have not departed;
They have but laid aside earth's frail disguise;
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conscious being. Go forth, O, man of despondency, and contemplate the feathered songsters of the forest, when the icy fetters of Winter are yielding to the balmy breezes of Spring. Witness their joys, hopping from branch to branch, and listen with calmess to the melodious songs of thankfulness and praise that fill to overflowing their little bosoms.

"How much more should ye, O man of little faith, rejoice for the superior intelligence and facilities to live among the warring elements that surround the joys of life.

"Above all, rejoice and be exceedingly glad that you possess the boon of life, that intelligent, living, moving, and progressing life, that endows all time and enters the region beyond the vale to continue the grand lessons of life forever more. Many of us have been there, and know whereof we speak; that it is a blessed thing to exist; real conscious existence, which can never cease while the ages of time move on, and then to know we can return to the scenes of our joys and sorrows here, to receive the lessons of earthly life and be instrumental in helping others to master the lessons of Spirituality.

"It is glory enough to cause the heart to swell with thankfulness and pralse forever.

"How gladly we would lift the veil of ig-

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"How gladly we would lift the veil of ignorance and folly that overhangs the earth to-day, and banish warring and outrage from you all, and establish the use of divine barmony in your midst. But we all know that that would be a Herculean task which is numbered among the impossibilities.

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"The experiences of life are the true teachers of the world, and growth from the lower walks of life to the spiritual and divine, is a change which can only be wrought by the process of time, like the wearing away of the adamantine rock by the constant dropping of the dews of heaven. Be patient! the times are propitious of great changes in the knowledge of the spiritual nature of man. The leaven is working and the grand truths that lie dearest to the hearts of the true Spiritualist are rapidly spreading over the land. Let all remember that the vast family of mankind is so bound together that it is impossible for one single soul to suffer without awaking the sympathies of all surrounding ones. We wish you to receive that you are now in the spirit world as much as you will be after the form is laid aside; but that the laws of eternal unfoldment and progression await all, when they become disencumbered of the mortal form.

"It is grand and glorious to contemplate that state of actual freedom to grow in the knowledge of the truth when all obstacles are removed from our pathway. "Great changes are in store for you all. New lessons of instruction are awaiting you, and the good work goes bravely on." Prepare one and all, to work in the vineyard while the glorious gun, in the spirits of the great one and all, to work in the vineyard while the glorious sun of progression shines for all.

"Storms come, clouds arise; but be hind all and above the clouds, forever shines the eternal sun of ceaseless existence. Good night. D. C. Densmore."

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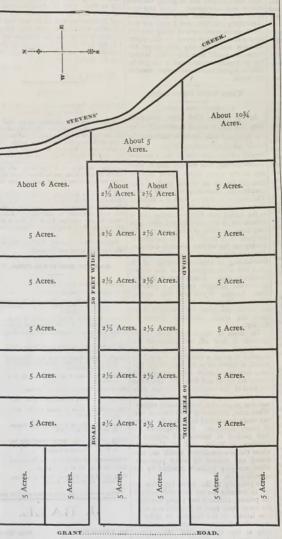
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